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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, OAS, UY

SUBJECT: VOTE ON URUGUAY'S OFFER TO HOST OASGA POSTPONED

1. SUMMARY: AT ITS JANUARY 11 MEETING, THE OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL REFERRED THE URUGUAYAN OFFER OF MONTEVIDEO AS SITE FOR THE VIII OASGA TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE FOR STUDY. IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT THE GENERAL COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER MATTER BEFORE JANUARY 19. END SUMMARY.

2. AT PERMANENT COUNCIL SESSION THIS MORNING, URUGUAY SUPPORTED THE DECISION TO REFER ITS OFFER TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE AND TO DEFER DEBATE UNTIL JANUARY 19. TEN COUNTRIES (ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CHILE, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HAITI, HONDURAS, NICARAGUA AND PARAGUAY) ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO ACCEPT URUGUAY'S OFFER IN GENERAL COMMITTEE. VENEZUELA ANNOUNCED IT WOULD VOTE AGAINST. REPRESENTATIVES FROM ECUADOR, GRENADA AND PERU MADE NO STATEMENTS BUT PRIVATELY ADVISED US REPRESENTATIVES
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THAT THEY ARE INSTRUCTED TO VOTE FOR ACCEPTING THE GOU OFFER. SEVENTEEN VOTES ARE NEEDED TO ACCEPT; NINE WILL BLOCK THE OFFER.

3. REPRESENTATIVES FROM JAMAICA, MEXICO, PANAMA AND VENEZUELA REPORT THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO

VOTE AGAINST OR ABSTAIN. REPRESENTATIVES FROM COSTA RICA, COLOMBIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, AND SURINAM HAVE NOT RECEIVED DEFINITIVE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO VOTE IN THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

4. DELEGATES FROM THE COUNTRIES PREPARED TO VOTE AGAINST OR ABSTAIN AND THOSE NOT YET INSTRUCTED, EXCEPT FOR PANAMA AND VENEZUELA, HAVE EXPRESSED TO USREP THEIR INTEREST IN SEEKING GOU COMMITMENT TO TAKE SIGNIFICANT STEPS TOWARD ESTABLISHING GOOD RELATIONS WITH IAHRG AND THEREBY AVOID DIVISIVE VOTE WHICH THEY FEEL COULD POLARIZE POSITIONS IN OAS. CHRISTOPHER

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